

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, met on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

City Council: Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
Councilman Larry L. McDonald
Councilman Fred Bolton
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilwoman Sandra Barbree

Staff: Jeff Pynes, City Manager
Gilbert Arispe, Assistant City Manager
Delia Munoz, City Secretary
Wallace Shaw, City Attorney
Nat Hickey, Property Manager
Jennifer Hawkins, EDC Director
Billy Shoemaker, Fire Department

Visitors: Troy Brimage Sabrina Brimage
Johnathan Sublet Kenney Kouches
Melanie Oldham Denise Harper
Sandra Barnett Jim Barnett
Diana Kile Margaret McMahon
Annette Sanford Manning Rollerson
Jason Travis Leeann Rudolph
Brandon Brimage Desiree Pearson
James Hollis Connie Hall
Ruben Renobato Ruth Renobato
Sam Reyna

Call to order.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation.

Johnathan Sublet offered the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon Brimage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending citizens and their business.

Manning Rollerson stated that someone dumped a truck load of junk on his property at 537 E. 2nd Street.

Ruben Renobato of 1507 W. 2nd Street stated that he had attended a meeting at the First Missionary Baptist Church on 4th St of concerned residents and property owners of the east end. He is concerned about property rights of the east end and the sovereignty of the city regarding the east end.

Consideration of approving June 6, 2016 Council Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved the June 6, 2016 Council Minutes.

Consideration of appointing qualified person(s) to the remainder of current terms and/or expired terms on the following boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission: On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting 3 to 2, Council unanimously approved Lesa Girouard, Sandra Loeza and Johnathan Sublet to the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Mireles and Councilman McDonald opposed.
- Library Board: On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Julie Swain and Richard W. Fisher to the Library Board.
- Board of Adjustment: On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved to reappoint Eric Hayes, Annette Sanford and Raul Ramirez to the Board of Adjustment.
- Urban Renewal Board: On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Melanie Oldham to the Urban Renewal Board. On a motion by Councilwoman Mireles, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting "Aye", Council unanimously approved Mary Stedman to the Urban Renewal Board.
- Beautification/Parks & Recreation: On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved Rosemary Bravo, Chris Kozak and Nino Herrera to the Beautification committee. Councilwoman Mireles opposed.

- Economic Development: On a motion by Councilman Bolton, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting 4 to 1, Council approved to reappoint Brooks Bass, Troy Brimage and Drew Ryder to the Economic Development Corporation. Councilwoman Mireles opposed.
- Senior Citizens Commission: On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman Bolton, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved Carol Rangel, Rosa Segovia and Mary K. Talbert to the Senior Citizens Commission.

Consideration of rescheduling/cancelling the July 4, 2016 Council Meeting.

On a motion by Councilwoman Barbree, seconded by Councilman McDonald, with all present voting “Aye”, Council unanimously approved to reschedule July 4, 2016 Council meeting to July 11, 2016.

Consideration of taking action on any items discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken

Work Session:

Presentation by James Hollis, Transportation Director with Gulf Coast Center/Connect Transit operating a local bus service in the City of Freeport.

Mr. James Hollis, Transportation Director presented a PowerPoint presentation of Connect Transit services. The bus transit service accommodates 5 routes through Angleton, Lake Jackson, Clute and Freeport; Freeport is the biggest user of Connect Transit. They just celebrated their fifth year of service at Brazosport College. He invited Staff, Directors and Council to ride the buses.

Councilwoman Mireles has noted that the benches erected do not have an overhead/canopy. Mr. Hollis said the cost is approximately \$10,000 for each and the other cities have erected them on their own.

Discuss 2016-2017 budget preparations and proposed schedule.

Mr. Pynes review the workshop dates: July 11, July 18, & August 1, 2016.

Discuss new Recreation/Sports Complex.

No motion made

Mayor Garcia closed the Formal Session and opened the Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Executive Session:

Section 551.071, Government Code:

Consultation with City Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or other matters in which his duty to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551, Government Code, to wit:

- Regarding a new Recreation/Sports Complex.

Section 551.074, Government Code

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment and duties of a public officer or employee, to wit:

- Fire Chief

Mayor Garcia closed the Executive Session and Reconvened the Formal Session at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

On a motion by Councilman McDonald, seconded by Councilwoman Barbree, with all present voting "Aye", Mayor Norma Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Norma Moreno Garcia
City of Freeport, Texas

City Secretary Delia Munoz
City of Freeport, Texas